



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Bitterroot National Forest

1801 N. First
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-7100

File Code: 5420

Date: August 27, 2007

RECEIVED

AUG 29 2007

Ravalli County Commissioners

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|

Ravalli County Commissioners
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners;

During the past three years the Bitterroot National Forest has been working toward the acquisition of a 160 acre in-holding located at the head of Brennan Gulch in the Skalkaho drainage. We were alerted in 2005 that the private parcel was for sale. With the assistance of the Trust for Public Lands the parcel was purchased by TPL to hold until funding could be allocated. The previous Board of Commissioners were instrumental in providing support for this project as a regional and national priority.

The Bitterroot National Forest has recently received from the Land Water and Conservation Fund \$245,000 to allocate toward the final purchase. This has been combined with funding from several partners which include the Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Montana Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (MT FNAWS), and Trust for Public Lands to accomplish this purchase.

I felt it important to provide you with an update regarding this important acquisition and include a map of the project. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Forest Lands Program Manager Roylene Gaul at 363-7157.

Sincerely,

DAVID T. BULL
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures



T. 5 N., R. 19 W., Section 20
BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST
SKALKAHO BRENNAN
LWCF PURCHASE
Critical In-Holding
160 Acres

